

Appl. No. 09/617,232
Amdt. dated July 19, 2004
Reply to Office action of May 20, 2004

Remarks:

Claims 4-13 and 20 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-3 and 14-19 have been cancelled by way of this amendment.

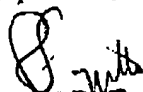
Applicant thankfully acknowledges that the Examiner has indicated that claims 4-10 are allowable. Claims 11, 12 and 13, formerly dependent upon claim 1, have been amended to be dependent upon claim 4. Since claims 11-13 depend from claim 4, which the Examiner has indicated to be allowable, claims 11-13 should now be considered to be in allowable form by the Examiner.

Claim 20 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim (claim 18). The Examiner has indicated that claim 20, so rewritten, would be allowable.

No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in the case.

Respectfully submitted,



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